

# Elite Equine set for Cox Plate



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Material Man

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**T**rainer Justin Warwick will set Material Man for a Melbourne spring carnival campaign that could include a start against Winx in the G1 W S Cox Plate.

Material Man advanced his career stats to 13 wins and \$1.22 million in prizemoney after running down Group 1 winner Great Shot in the G3 Hyperion Stakes (1600m) at Belmont on June 16. A half-dozen of those victories have been in black-type events including this year's G2 Perth Cup.

"We're going to be bumping into some of the world's best horses but we just want to have a crack," Warwick said. "He's the best horse I've ever had and we're going to give him a break and be ready for Melbourne on September 1."

Caulfield sets the scene on the first day of spring with the G1 Memsie Stakes (1400m). It's also the intended starting point for WA champion Black Heart Bart.

Material Man is homebred for Michael and Jill MacDermott and is by Vital Equine (Ire) who stands at Rosalee Park in association with Yarradale Stud. His dam Del Lirio (Hussonet)

won at Canterbury and her only other foal – Scandalous Miss (Scandal Keeper) – was placed in a Lark Hill trial last month.

Vital Equine is also the damsire of Tahitian Dancer who won at Moonee Valley a few hours before the Hyperion Stakes. The Dawn Approach filly was third on debut after a slow getaway at Sandown but broke smartly second-up in the Ladbrokes 2YO Hcp (1200m).

"I think she's a pretty good filly and we've liked her for a long time," trainer Shane Nichols admitted. "We will put her away now and sort out a plan for the spring."

The G2 Thousand Guineas Prelude (1400m) at Caulfield on Sunday, September 30 will be her grand-final a day after the AFL premiership decider at the MCG. Her part-owners include former football stars Tony Buhagiar and Darrell Panizza.

They also raced her dam Takanori (Vital Equine) to 4 wins in 7 starts topped by the LR South-West Breeders' Classic at Bunbury. The Perth partners breed from her in conjunction with Willow Park Stud in NSW.

## Annemiek puts pedal to the metal

Race-caller Rick McIntosh echoed the thoughts of racegoers when he said Annemiek would have to get on her bike to win at Echuca last week.

The Dash For Cash debutante was bailed up behind a wall of horses in the CIH Maiden Plate (1000m) before Damien Lane found clear air at the furlong. Once balanced, she hit top gear with an explosive sprint to score by two lengths.

Annemiek is named after Dutch Olympic cyclist Annemiek van Vleuten and McIntosh saw her coming from the back of the pack. "Annemiek is the one...she pedalling fast...straight past them."

Trainer Micheal Newton, a popular farrier and barrier attendant, was represented by his daughter Kate in the enclosure. "We bred her and I ride her trackwork. She was pretty impressive today and we're proud of her. It's a decent win at her first start and I think she's got a bit of ability."

Lane agreed. "The way she finished off was really promising," he said. "She's still green but when I asked her to go, she really grabbed the bridle."

Annemiek is by Dash For Cash who stands for a \$2,750 service fee at Scenic Lodge in WA. She's the only named foal from Now You See Her (Bianconi) who won four races over 1600m at Caulfield and Sandown.

Dash For Cash has built a great strike-rate with his 3yo winners in the last month. Annemiek joins Grey Shadow (Caulfield), Auguster Rush (Bendigo), Dashing Savanna (Kilmore) & Cash For Diamonds (Moe). He's also the damsire of 3yo flyer Greyworm who won at Mornington on June 11.

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